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1. WITHIN FMG, MOST IMPORTANT INVITEES ARE OFFICIALS FROM MINISTRY OF MINES AND POWER, AND SPECIFICALLY COMMISSIONER (I.E., MINISTER) ALHAJI S.A. MONGUNO AND PERMANENT SECRETARY PHILIP C. SIOU. ALSO SUGGEST M.O. FEYIDE DIRECTOR OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES DIVISION IN MINISTRY (AND ALSO DIRECTOR OF NIGERIAN NATIONAL OIL COMPANY) AND HIS DEPUTY O. LOLOMARI. FROM NIGERIAN NATIONAL OIL COMPANY, ALSO SUGGEST F.R.A. MARINHO, MANAGER EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION AND W.O. UWAMU, MANAGER MARKETING. FROM OTHER STATUTORY CORPORATIONS, SUGGEST Y.A. DIKKO, GENERAL MANAGER, NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY AND S.O. SODIPO, CHAIRMAN NIGERIAN COAL CORPORATION. AS MATTER OF COURTESY, MIGHT ALSO BE DESIRABLE EXTEND INVITATIONS TO PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES, ALHAJI A.L. CIROMA, WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR OIL-RELATED INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS AND PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION, I.J. EBONG.

2. GIVEN FIRM CONTROL THAT FMG EXERCISES OVER OIL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS AND ITS SENSITIVITIES, WE ARE RELUCTANT PROPOSE STATE OFFICIALS OR CANDIDATES FROM PRIVATE SECTOR OTHER THAN WELL KNOWN BUSINESSMAN CHIEF HENRY FAJEMIROKUN
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IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT LAGOS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND

INDUSTRY, P.O. BOX 109, LAGOS (AND ALSO ASSOCIATION WEST AFRICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE). SEEMS TO US INVITATIONS TO THESE BEST LEFT TO NIGERIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE (FOR WHICH PERMANENT SECRETARY IN MINISTRY MINES AND POWER HAS RESPONSIBILITY) IN COORDINATION WITH US NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

3. FOR OUR OWN INFORMATION AND USE IN CONNECTION POSSIBLE INQUIRIES WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS IN NIGERIA TO WHOM INVITATIONS ARE SENT. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO KNOW CONTENTS OF INVITATION AND IN WHOSE NAME IT WILL BE SENT. (WE ARE CURRENTLY ASSUMING INVITATION WILL BE IN NAME US NATIONAL COMMITTEE: THAT IT WILL BE LIMITED TO INVITATION TO TAKE PART AT PARTICIPANT'S OWN EXPENSE: AND THAT USG PARTICIPATION IN INVITATION PROCESS LIMITED TO PROVISION OF NAMES TO US COMMITTEE.)

4. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE KNOWING IF CU OR OTHER AGENCY USG PLANNING TO DEFRAY ANY EXPENSES OF INVITEES OR PLANNING ANY USG SPONSORED ACTIVITIES OR PROGRAMS FOR INVITEES BEFORE OR AFTER OR IN CONNECTION WITH CONFERENCE. REINHARDT

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